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COLORED societies in New York are talking of suing the state for injuries to colored persons in the recent riots in that city. Judging from the anti-colored sentiment among certain classes there we would advise the colored people to drop the matter altogether.

THE advocates of the argument that where the American flag once floats it should float always, are confronted now by a rather peculiar situation, for the stars and stripes is fluttering in the breeze over the imperial palace in Peking. We are scarcely ready to annex the Chinese empire as a colony, state or territory, so they will have to suffer the humiliation of seeing it come down, and that, too, in the very near future.

OUR contemporary, the Savannah News, pays Florida the following deserved compliment: Peninsular Florida appears to be particularly blessed in her summer climate. While other sections have been sweltering in hot days and nights, the gulf and sea breezes have been sweeping across the peninsula and keeping things comparatively cool. The seacoast resorts have been crowded, and it is said that another year additional accommodations will have to be provided to take care of the increasing number of guests. Truly, Florida is fortunate.

FLORIDA'S convict lease system is provoking much adverse comment. The Gainesville Sun says: The people of the whole state are interested in the convict question, and it is not wonderful that there is a general kick along the whole line in opposition to the system now in vogue. The best way to reform the system is to wipe it out root and branch. No man who will not pledge himself to vote to abolish the disgrace should be sent to the legislature. The patience of the people has been severely taxed and the regret is well nigh universal that the convict labor lease shame cannot be done away with previous to the meeting of the next legislature.

STATEMENTS are appearing in public print that some of the missionaries, whose field of labor is in China, are over zealous. They say that the Boxer movement was the best thing that could have happened for the cause of Christianity in China, because the powers will not accept any settlement of the attacks on their ministers in Peking which does not include the most ample provision for the protection of the missionaries while pursuing their work of Christianizing the people. Their position is that in future the Chinese will be afraid to make any opposition to missionaries, and that the missionaries will be free to adopt any methods they please in carrying on their work.

Changing the Capital Site.

The most vital question now before the people of Florida for discussion is that of capital removal. Already there is noticeable a tendency to decide this question without giving the matter due thought and consideration. We have read the arguments of Jacksonville and St. Augustine on removal, and that of Tallahassee against. It is needless to say that there are goods point in all three of them, but the more the subject is studied from all points the harder it is to decide the question.

In brief it is about like this: Do the taxpayers of Florida want to change their capital site to the extent of going into debt say a million dollars, pay interest on bonds to the extent of, perhaps, another million dollars?

A great many who would favor the removal of the capital to a more central location would object seriously to saddling a debt of this size upon the state; but perhaps they might be inclined to vote for a change of site whenever such an offer as St. Augustine is made to offset some of the expense. The Ancient city offers a site and \$250,000, more than double the combined offers of all other cities which are candidates. The offer of St. Augustine is magnanimous, as her cash donation would cover 25 per cent. of the cost of a very creditable capitol building.

But on this donation business we find that the state constitution does not permit a city or county to issue bonds for such a purpose. How, then, can a candidate for capital removal offer such a sum and guarantee its payment (provided it secures the site) unless the money is either subscribed, or a special amendment to the constitution is made to allow such city or county to bond itself for this purpose?

If the latter course is necessary such amendment would be voted on by the people at the same time they voted for the amendment to remove the capital, and, under a decision of the supreme court, both would, if adopted, become effective the same day, hence the location of the capital would be decided before the question of bonds or no bonds could be submitted to the people of such county or city.

Another election in that county or city would have to be held to decide upon the issue of bonds or not, and is it reasonable to suppose that after the location of the capital has been decided in favor of such city, that the people of county or city would vote to bond themselves to aid in putting up a capital building which would belong to the whole state, and which they would naturally conclude should be paid for by all the people? It is quite probable they would not.

We would like to have further light upon this question of donation. How the sum pledged can be counted on for a surety, for the donation of such a sum as \$250,000 will have a great deal of weight and influence with many voters, who, while favoring a change to a more central location, will hesitate at a million dollars bonded indebtedness.

The Tipping Nuisance.

The custom of tipping the waiters and employes in hotels and restaurants, sleeping cars and other places of a public character has reached the point of extreme aggravation. Every now and then it is the object of denunciation, but it continues, usually with the connivance of the employer of the help which expects the tip.

It is money in the employer's pocket when the customer aids in paying the servant's wages.

It is said that the wages of sleeping car porters are actually fixed on a basis to give them a certain amount per month including the tips which it is estimated they will receive from the passengers.

There is no doubt that the wages of employes in hotels and restaurants are much lower than they

would be were not the tipping custom in vogue.

In England the system has been carried to a ridiculous extreme, and instances are known where the employers, instead of paying them wages, actually exact from the employes a part of their "rake-off" from the patrons. To such an extent has the evil been carried there that the waiters have decided to organize and enter protest against the system.

For the important office of state's attorney of the Seventh judicial circuit, Mr. John C. Jones, of Orlando, Florida, announces himself as a candidate. Mr. Jones needs but little introduction at our hands. He has lived in Orange county for twenty years and is known all over South Florida as a gentleman of the highest integrity of character and marked legal attainments. His Democracy has always been the same, working in the party ranks, but never seeking preferment. He now, for the first time, presents himself for the suffrage of his fellow Democrats and solicits their support. Mr. Jones would make a model state's attorney and the administration of the office would be safe in his hands.

SPEAKERS at a large mass meeting of representative Cubans in Havana the other night, says the Savannah Morning News, freely made the statement that Cuba was not yet ready for a Republican form of government. The better class of Cubans, exclusive of some of the politicians, are undoubtedly appreciative of the advantage the protection of the United States has been to the island, and now that the time appears to be approaching for an independent government, many of them are loath to give that protection up. The United States will see to it, however, that no section of the island is given over to disorder.

In the riot over a negro rapist at Akron, Ohio, five persons were killed and nearly \$2,000,000 worth of property was destroyed. No such outrageous action at this can be charged up to the south. This, too, all happened within twenty miles of the home of President McKinley, on the western reserve.

Weekly Weather Report.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WEATHER BUREAU.

Comparative statement of temperatures and rainfall for the week ending Tuesday August 28, 1900.

	1900	1899	MIN	MAX
Aug. 22.	73	77	87	72
" 23.	90	76	87	80
" 24.	89	78	88	73
" 25.	89	81	88	74
" 26.	90	79	88	74
" 27.	90	78	88	74
" 28.	90	76	86	72

Total rainfall for the week, "T" inch. Departure from the normal rainfall for the week, minus 1.28 inches.

Departure from normal rainfall since Jan. 1st, 1900, minus 1.67 inches.

HAL P. HARDIN,

Observer Weather Bureau.

Jupiter, Fla., Aug. 28, 1900.

Cold Ste 1 or Death.

"There is but one small chance to save your life and that is through an operation," was the awful prospect set before Mrs. I. B. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., by her doctor after vainly trying to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. He didn't count on the marvelous power of Electric Bitters to cure stomach and liver troubles, but she heard of it, took seven bottles, was wholly cured, avoided surgeon's knife, now weighs more and feels better than ever. It's positively guaranteed to cure stomach, liver and kidney troubles and never disappoints. Price 50c at B. R. Wilson & Son's drug store.

NOTICE.

To all whom it may concern: Thirty days after this date I will, on behalf of the state of Florida, execute a tax deed to Henry W. Whipple for the following described land to-wit: E. 1/4 of N. E. 1/4, section 27, Tp. 37 S., range 40 E., sold for taxes July 5th, 1897, unless good cause be shown me on or before September 29th, 1900, why I should not issue said deed.

This August 27th, 1900.
[SEAL.] A. A. STEWART,
Clerk Circuit Court Brevard County, Florida.

NOTICE.

To all whom it may concern: Thirty days after this date I will, on behalf of the state of Florida, execute a tax deed to C. W. Bolton for the following described lands to-wit: S. W. 1/4 of N. E. 1/4 and N. W. 1/4 of S. E. 1/4, Sec. 13, Tp. 33 S., range 39 E., containing 80 acres, sold for taxes July 4th, 1898, unless good cause be shown me on or before September 29th, 1900, why I should not issue said deed.

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Our grafts were all cut from bearing trees, and came out full of fruit first growth this spring, and we have saved several specimens of fruit for exhibition to our visiting customers.

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Yours very truly,
THE OKLAWAHA NURSERIES,
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